



Changes to the Performance Tested Comfort Systems (PTCS) Program

Effective April 1, 2012, PTCS program support services will transition from Ecos to BPA for public power utilities in the Northwest.

For the past five years, BPA has contracted with Ecos Consulting to provide program delivery of PTCS, resulting in over 40,000 installations.

The PTCS program is approaching maturity, which is an opportune time to introduce free market service providers as an option. At the same time, BPA is undergoing an effort to maximize its capital resources by identifying cost-saving initiatives in its Energy Efficiency programs. BPA identified the PTCS program support function as one cost-savings opportunity. See below for PTCS program details that will be effective in April.

PTCS Program Support

To continue its support of the PTCS program, BPA will:

- Integrate site registry management into EE Central, including the implementation of automated quality control similar to the current PTCS site registry.
- Continue to maintain a list of Certified Technicians and make that list available via the Web.
- Provide access to forms, specifications and information about training opportunities.
- Maintain a list of qualified Quality Assurance technicians, with oversight of QA processes and data collected throughout the region.

Some of these changes will allow for greater competition and for utilities to have greater control over the enforcement of their program components.

Quality assurance (QA/inspections) will become the responsibility of the participating utility.

For questions and feedback on these changes please contact:

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PTCS Program Timeline

- 1990's** NEEA research, establishes Climate Crafters Ventures
- 2000** Xenergy produces market baseline report
- 2002** Climate Crafters establishes PTCS, RTF adopts standard
- 2003** NEEA publishes evaluation
- 2006** BPA contracts PTCS program service delivery
- 2007** RTF approves revised heat pump specifications
- 2008** RTF approves PTCS Service Provider standard
- 2009** RTF updates duct sealing specification
- 2010** Washington State adopts PTCS in code
- 2011** BPA and RTF evaluations published

